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I do not support the proposed resolution as presently proposed by the DOJ.

I would like to voice my concern of how the Proposed Judgement ( settlement as proposed by the DOJ ) fails to address or redress the fact that Microsoft has in the past inserted intentional incompatibilities in its applications to keep them from running on competing operating systems.

As a consumer I feel that I have been forced to purchase and run Microsoft Operating Systems in order to support and run productivity software or other software applications produced by Microsoft or other vendors. Those applications receiving Microsoft support or approval seem to survive whereas those that do not are buried in the marketplace as a result of this, rather than consumer choice.

I would like to add my voice to support the nine states who do not agree with the DOJ settlement with Microsoft. I would like to see greater selection and competition in the marketplace. If the DOJ settlement is accepted then competition would be eliminated and Microsoft left as the sole software/operating system company.

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